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SUBJECT: PRESS LEAK ON US-EC NINE DECLARATION

1. THE NEW YORK TIMES PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 9 UNDER
BRUSSELS DATELINE FULL TEXT OF US SEPTEMBER 29 PROPOSED
REVISION OF EC NINE DRAFT OF US-EC NINE DECLARATION.
ACCOMPANYING STORY BY PAUL KEMEZIS, ALSO DATELINED
BRUSSELS, CITES DIPLOMATIC SOURCE AS SAYING THAT THE
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MIDDLE EAST CRISIS HAD REINFORCED WESTERN EUROPEAN

OPPOSITION TO AMERICAN EFFORTS TO INSERT THE WORDS "INTERDEPENDENCE" AND "PARTNERSHIP" INTO PROPOSED DECLARATION. STORY CONTINUES THAT EUROPEANS, WHO HAVE SOUGHT ALL ALONG TO PLAY DOWN IMPORTANCE OF SPECIAL RELATIONS WITH THE US, HAD PRESENTED THEIR PROPOSAL FOR JOINT DECLARATION ON SEPTEMBER 20 CALLING FOR RECOGNITION OF THE COMMON MARKET'S INTENTION TO ACT AS A "DISTINCT ENTITY" IN WORLD AFFAIRS, AND HAD URGED COOPERATION "ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY." REFERRING TO NINE'S LACK OF ENTHUSIASM ABOUT US SUGGESTIONS EVEN BEFORE MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES, STORY ASSERTS THEY HAVE REPORTEDLY DISPLAYED A DECIDEDLY COOL ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM SINCE.

2. ON NATO DECLARATION, DIPLOMATS IN BRUSSELS ARE REPORTED BY KEMEZIS AS SAYING THAT, IN INFORMAL CONTACTS, IT WAS DECIDED AT FRENCH SUGGESTION TO SUSPEND JOINT WORK ON THE NATO DECLARATION ON OCTOBER 26, AND THAT PREPARATION OF THE NATO DOCUMENT REMAINS SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING.

3. IN DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 14 WITH THE NINE AT COPENHAGEN, WE PLAN FORCEFULLY TO UNDERLINE OUR CONCERN ABOUT SERIES OF LEAKS ON DECLARATION.

4. MEANWHILE, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IS TAKING FOLLOWING LINE REGARDING NEW YORK TIMES STORY AND PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENT: QTE: ON THE RECORD. FRANK TO SAY WE ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS KIND OF VENTILATION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT NEGOTIATIONS OF SUCH DELICACY AND IMPORTANCE TO ALL OF US CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY PURSUED THROUGH THE PUBLIC PRINTS. THE DOCUMENT WAS OF AN INTERIM NATURE AND HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS. ON THAT POINT, LET ME SAY GENERALLY THAT WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS MADE. BEYOND THAT, I WILL NOT COMMENT.

ON BACKGROUND. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUERIES FROM NEWSMEN FOR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE THIS STORY, IT SHOULD BE SAID THAT IN CERTAIN RESPECTS
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THE STORY TENDS TO OVERSTATE THE DIFFERENCES AND THAT THE FURTHER FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS CAN BE MADE:

--ON NATO DRAFT DECLARATION, THERE HAS BEEN A HIATUS IN NAC CONSIDERATION OF THE FRENCH DRAFT SINCE THE END OF OCTOBER, BUT WE FULLY EXPECT THAT THE COUNCIL WILL ACTIVELY TAKE UP THIS MATTER AGAIN NEXT WEEK; IT CAN BE POINTED OUT THAT, AFTER ALL,

EVERYONE'S ATTENTION IN RECENT DAYS HAS BEEN RIVETED
LARGELY ON THE MIDEAST CRISIS AND THE ATTENDANT OIL
SUPPLY PROBLEMS.

--AS FAR AS US-EC DECLARATION TALKS ARE
CONCERNED, WE FEEL THAT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS
BEEN ACHIEVED AS A RESULT OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS'
AND MR. STOESSEL'S MEETINGS IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 29
AND IN COPENHAGEN ON OCTOBER 18-19. THERE WILL BE
ANOTHER MEETING OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WITH MR.
STOESSEL IN COPENHAGEN ON NOVEMBER 14 AND WE EXPECT THAT
FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS WILL BE MADE AT THAT
TIME, ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SUBSEQUENT
SESSIONS. END QTE.
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